

## MRS. MARY HARTJE IS VINDICATED

Judge Fraser Says Ugly Charges of Hartje Are Inconclusive.

### CASE WAS MOST SENSATIONAL

Children to Live With Mother. Hartje Will Take an Appeal.

PITTSBURG, Pa., December 12.—Judge Robert S. Fraser handed down his decision in the famous Hartje divorce case this afternoon.

The petition of Augustus Hartje, the multi-millionaire paper manufacturer, for a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, who he charged with infidelity with Thomas Madine, a former coachman, is, in substance, the following: "The servants' stories of Mrs. Hartje's wrong-doing are quite different from those based in Mr. Hartje's petition."

The story of Susan Wagner, a maid, was grossly exaggerated and built up; Mrs. Hartje perhaps visited the stable too often, but her fondness for horses sufficiently explains what might be considered an indiscretion. The letters introduced are open to suspicion, and are conclusive of nothing. Expert testimony is of little value. The stealing of the said letters from Madine's room, as testified to, shows those who produced them to be lawbreakers. The preponderance of testimony shows the letters were not in Mrs. Hartje's handwriting, and at the trial Hartje abandoned all his charges except the one relating to Madine.

**Children With Mother.**  
The decision does not refer to the question of alimony, but Mrs. Hartje has a motion pending in court for the granting of alimony. The two children, Mary Louise Hartje and John Scott Hartje, will remain with their mother.

The entire cost of the proceedings are placed on Mr. Hartje, and the suit for divorce filed by his wife will be tried when it is reached in the regular order. Mr. Hartje announced that he would take an appeal.

The divorce case was the most sensational ever tried in this city. The wealth and prominence of the principals, the ugly charges, and later, after the trial had begun, additional charges against Mrs. Hartje in connection with a second coachman, Clifford Hoot, a negro, tended to make the case sensational in the extreme. Following the introduction of the Hoot incident, Mr. Hartje and a business friend, John W. Welshons, together with Clifford Hoot, the negro, were all arrested in a charge of conspiracy. Hoot was also charged with perjury, was convicted, and is now awaiting a new trial.

### SCHOONER SAVED.

Vessels Not Seriously Damaged. Crew Is Safe.

NORFOLK, Va., December 12.—Late this afternoon the tug Rescue, of the Merritt Chapman Dredging and Wrecking Company, got a line to the stranded schooner Ralph Hayward, ashore fourteen miles south of Cape Henry, and at 7:20 tonight succeeded in floating the vessel. It is expected that the tug will arrive early tomorrow morning with the schooner in tow.

Reports are to the effect that the vessel is not seriously damaged. The crew came up to Norfolk from Little Island Station to-night.

### DISMISS MAN HELD FOR CRIMINAL ASSAULT

NORFOLK, Va., December 12.—W. H. Daniels, ex-police officer of Norfolk, thirty-eight years old, who was charged with having criminally assaulted nineteen-year-old Annie Ruby Bryant of Berkeley Ward, in September last, in hearing before Police Justice Simmons today, was dismissed of the charge, on the ground that the evidence was not strong enough to hold him.

The little girl was in court and testified that Daniels assaulted her. Daniels, in a clear statement, denied the charge made by the girl.

### In Throes of Appendicitis.

BOYTON, Va., December 12.—Mr. Sydney Johnson who is a valued employee in Williams and Goode's Banking House, this place, was taken ill on Sunday with appendicitis and was taken to Richmond yesterday to have himself treated by a specialist. Messrs. Thomas F. Goode and Colonel St. John C. Goode accompanied Mr. Johnson.

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## PORTSMOUTH SEIZES FERRY'S BANK DEPOSIT

By Order of Mayor High Constable Takes Drastic Measures to Collect Fine.

NORFOLK, Va., December 12.—Charging that he was tired of indefinite delays in the collection of the fines that have been assessed against the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company for failure to maintain proper ferry schedule, Mayor Reed, of Portsmouth, this morning placed in the hands of High Constable Hall the judgment obtained by the city for the fine of \$10 and costs, assessed against the Berkley ferry steamer Twin City, on November 27th, with instructions to seize such property of that company as could be found to satisfy the judgment.

The high constable forthwith garnished the funds of the Traction Company on deposit in the Bank of Portsmouth, amounting to the sum of the fines and costs assessed against the company.

Mayor Reed, speaking of the matter, declared that the city had been compelled to adopt drastic methods of collecting the fines assessed against the corporation in question, and that this was about the only method left.

### NEGRO SHOUTS FOR JOY THAT LIFE IS SPARED

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 12.—When Joseph Thomas, alias John Wright, colored, was this morning informed that his counsel had secured a stay of execution, that he be hanged on Friday next, would not be carried out he clapped his hands with joy, and became very hilarious. Efforts will be made to secure for Wright a new trial and the case will not in all probability be heard before the Court of Appeals until the January term. Wright is under death sentence for a criminal assault on Miss Mable Bishop, now Mrs. Forrest Gooding, of Washington. The alleged assault occurred near Luna Park, Alexandria county, September 8th last.

## STOCK COMPANY TO TAKE HOTEL

Imperial, Petersburg's Largest Hostelry, Undergoing Renovation.

### SAW THEM DRINKING

Barkeeper Fined for Drinking on Sunday and Treating His Clerks.

PETERSBURG, Va., December 12.—A joint stock company has been organized for the purpose of running the Imperial Hotel, which is the largest hostelry in the city, and is now being thoroughly renovated and repaired. The hotel was purchased a few months ago by Frank K. Clement of this city, who, it is understood, will be its general manager.

For taking a drink himself, and giving a round of drinks to his clerks in his barroom last Sunday, E. L. Cole, proprietor of a grocery store and bar on Harrison Street, was fined \$100 in the Mayor's Court this morning. It is understood that Mr. Cole went to his store every Sunday to secure food for his horse, but on this occasion was accompanied by his clerks, with whom he was even drinking by Police Officer Vaughan, who summoned him before the Mayor.

**Masonic Officers.**  
The following officers for the ensuing Masonic year were elected last evening at a stated meeting of Blandford Lodge, No. 3, A. F. and A. M. Worshipful Master, E. L. Hooton; Senior Warden, Dr. H. A. Gumbel; Junior Warden, R. T. Mattox; Treasurer, W. W. Prosser; Secretary, T. J. Giller; Senior Deacon, J. P. Banks; Junior Deacon, H. P. Dalton; Chaplain, Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster and Rev. Dr. W. C. Taylor; Tiler, B. E. Dancy.

Delegations from the Richmond tribes of Red Men paid a fraternal visit to the Petersburg and Mattox tribes last night at the Red Men's Hall, on Bank Street.

Mr. Nicholas Lee Greer, a well-known fireworks manufacturer of this city, will leave with his family to-morrow for his new home in Paris, Ill.

Rev. J. Sidney Peters, pastor of High Street Methodist Church, delivered an able and interesting address this evening on the purposes of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia.

### HOUSE PARTY.

Miss Margaret Williams Entertains Number of Her Friends.

HINERVILLE, Va., December 12.—Following a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner given to a company of her special friends on Thursday last, Miss Margaret Williams, of Whitwell, Va., has just concluded a week's social party at her hospitable country home, "Wayfield Farm." Feasting, riding, driving, various games and music were all special features of this protracted festivity, and the numerous guests present were found in their praises of the hospitality so generously dispensed on the occasion.

Amongst those participating in the festivities were: Miss Lucy Puryear, of Danville, Va.; Mr. J. Irving Bolt, of New York City; Miss Blanche Fitzgerald, of Chatham, Va.; Mr. James Robertson, of Danville; Miss Annie Laurie Burton, of Danville; Dr. Henry Ponton, of Danville; Miss Beulah Ponton, of Danville; Mr. Samuel Robertson, of Fall Creek; Miss Henrietta Watkins, of Chatham; Mr. Claude Pritchett, of Chatham; Mr. Luther Robertson, of Danville; Mr. William Burton, of Danville; Messrs. Pollok and Harvey, of Whitwell; and Messrs. J. S. Jennings, N. Hines and William Taylor, of Hinerville.

Among the most enjoyable features of the party were the sweet strains of music, both vocal and instrumental, rendered by Miss Lucy Puryear and Mr. J. Irving Bolt. Miss Williams, who is the accomplished daughter of Captain T. N. Williams, of Whitwell, and the efficient principal of the Arlington Grand School, this county, was assisted in doing the honors of the occasion by her brothers, J. Neal and David T. Williams.

### HANDSOME BUILDING.

Anheuser-Busch Association Will Spend Quarter of Million.

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 12.—The Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association has purchased a large lot on Commerce Street, between Tenth and Eleventh, having a frontage of eighty-eight feet on Commerce and running back to Jefferson with a frontage of one hundred and eighty-six feet on the main line of the Southern Railway, on which it is announced, it proposes to erect a large building for cold storage and distribution purposes. It is understood that the company contemplates the expenditure of \$250,000 or more on the plant. Plans are being drawn by the company's architect for the building, but the supervision of the building will be done by a local architect. The site secured for the building is an admirable one for its purpose.

### MUST PROTECT ROAD.

Newport News Has Furnished Bond of \$20,000.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December 12.—Justice Barham, in the Corporation Court, today required the city of Newport News to furnish a bond of \$20,000 to insure the Hampton Roads Traction Company against any liability in case of an accident on the twenty-two street bridge. The company claims that the bridge is dangerous, but is compelled by injunction to continue operation over it.

### PAMPLIN CITY BANK.

Business Has Been Good—Increased Capital.

PAMPLIN CITY, Va., December 12.—The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the State Bank of Pamplin was held Monday night. Mr. W. P. Venable, of Farmville, was re-elected president and Mr. J. F. Connolly, of this place, vice-president. The following directors were chosen: W. P. Venable, of Farmville, Va.; J. F. Connolly, of Farm, Va.; and Leslie N. Ligon, J. F. Connolly, W. B. Buford, W. C. Franklin, R. L. Franklin and Drs. C. S. Morton and F. H. Lukin, of this town.

The bank opened for business one year ago with \$5,000 capital paid in. It now has \$10,000 capital fully paid up; deposits, \$27,033.74; undivided profits, \$268.11, and total resources of \$10,701.85. Mr. W. H. Gordon, formerly of Michigan, lately of New York, who has purchased the Baker farm, near Rosser's Mill and Pamplin, has moved to it with his family.

Joseph Edwards, of Jersey City, contractor of the Tidewater Railway, and Mr. Murrell Smith, traveling salesman for Cradock, Terry, & Co., of Lynchburg, have been on a visit at Mr. R. W. Beale's of this place.

Mr. J. B. Flashman and wife, of Philadelphia, who have been on a visit to the former's mother, Mrs. P. P. Pankey, of this city, have returned home. Mr. Flashman, who is fond of hunting game of all kinds, especially the fox, enjoyed the sport while here.

### MR. NEWELL APPOINTED.

Will at Once Confer With Mr. Coapman.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 12.—Dwight W. Newell, trainmaster of the Asheville division of the Southern Railway, has been appointed superintendent of the Norwood division, effective January 1st. Mr. Newell has been ordered to go to Danville December 15th to confer with Superintendent Coapman and other high officials of the Southern, relative to the work on the Norwood division.

The Norwood division has just been established, and is composed of the Midland and Taylorsville branches, the longest line runs from Taylorsville to Charlotte. From the standpoint of freight business, the new division is considered a very important one.

Mr. Newell has been in the service of the Southern road for a number of years. Through his efficient work, the train service on the Asheville division has been materially improved.

### District Stewards Meet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SALISBURY, N. C., December 12.—The district stewards of the Salisbury District of the Western North Carolina Conference held an annual meeting in Salisbury this afternoon. After the transaction of routine business, the pastors of the district, represented by their delegates, held a special conference. The subject of missions was given prominence. A distinct feature of the gathering was an address on missions by Rev. J. R. Moore, a returned missionary from Japan, who was present by invitation. His address to-night was of special interest.

### Elone and Are Wedded.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEILS, N. D., Va., December 12.—Miss Delany Hughes, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. A. F. Hughes, postmaster at Wintergreen, eloped with Mr. Emmett W. Rittenhouse to Lynchburg, Va., Monday, December 10th, and were married. Mr. Rittenhouse is a railway postal clerk, and the young couple will make their home in Washington.

Mr. Rittenhouse is the son of Mr. Judson Rittenhouse, of this place. They both will be greatly missed in society here.

### Year's Business Good.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 12.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia Shirt Company, of this city, held last night, the report showed that the factory did a business of \$130,000 and paid out \$27,000 in wages during the past year. Officers were elected as follows: W. D. Carter, president; C. W. Jones, vice-president; A. Randolph Howard, secretary and treasurer, and a board of fifteen directors.

### Minstrel Show at Ashland.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ASHLAND, Va., December 12.—The minstrel show which will be held here Friday night at the assembly-room of the public school building, undoubtedly be a great success. It is composed entirely of the young folks of the town, who figure in its society, and who have decided talent. Messrs. Bridges, Kerr, Hunter, Shepherd and Snyder will take part.

### BARCE LYING ON BOTTOM OFF OLD POINT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., December 12.—The barge Elizabeth C. Vane, coal laden, Old Point Comfort as the result of a collision in the lower Chesapeake. The barge has about 600 tons of coal in its hold, consigned to Johns Brothers, of Norfolk.

The Vane was one of four barges being towed from Philadelphia to Norfolk by the tug Dixie. In the Dixie, that was blowing night before last the barge got adrift in the Chesapeake. The tug Princess picked up the barge McMillan, loaded with coal, and a tank barge loaded with oil, and the tug Columbia picked up the barge Ticonderoga, which was loaded with 800 tons of steel rails, valued at \$35,000. These were brought safely into port.

The Dixie recovered the Vane, but not until it had collided with something in the dark and was leaking. An effort was made to get the barge to Norfolk, but it had taken in so much water by the time it reached Old Point that it could be towed no further. Its deck is above the surface at low tide.

It is probable that several admiralty suits for salvage will result over the losing and recovery of the barges.

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NORFOLK, Va., December 12.—The crew of the three-masted schooner Ralph M. Hayward, Green, master, 529 tons, bound from New York to Brunswick, Ga., light, which went ashore near the Little Island life-saving station, fourteen miles south of Virginia Beach, last night, were saved without much difficulty by Captain C. C. Beckwith and his crew of life-savers at 8 o'clock this morning. The shipwrecked mariners are now being cared for by the life-savers.

A line was fired over the vessel by the life-savers last night, but the crew were in danger, and would not leave until the merrin.

The Hayward, being light, was carried high on the beach by the wind and waves, but the vessel appears to be in good condition.

The Merritt & Chapman wrecking steamer, in charge of Captain W. E. Tooker, went to the assistance of the schooner early to-day, and should the weather not again be tempestuous, it is likely that the big wrecker will soon have the sailing vessel afloat.

The Hayward is a familiar vessel in these waters, she having been a coaster on the Atlantic for many years.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ASHLAND, Va., December 12.—An important change took place to-day in the operation of the Henry Clay Inn, at Ashland. The present owner and operator of the hotel, Mr. G. W. M. Taylor, leased the property under very favorable terms to Mr. C. W. Russell, an experienced hotel proprietor of Providence, R. I., who will take charge of the hotel on January 1, 1907.

The house hereafter will be conducted by a strictly experienced manager, and along with the various other enterprises now under way at Ashland, will enjoy a satisfactory support. Mr. Taylor will commence at once the new lease of the hotel, which has been under consideration for some time.

Mrs. H. C. Scott, president of the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association of Ashland, has received a special form of acknowledgment, with grateful appreciation, for the kind expressions of sympathy and memorial of flowers tendered at the time of the death of the late Mrs. Jefferson Davis. The form of acknowledgment was sent to the Ashland ladies by Mrs. M. J. D. Hayes, of Colorado Springs.

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